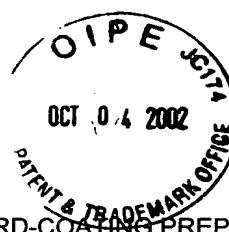


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small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

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